



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: The state of Colorado experienced below average amounts of moisture and above average temperatures last week. Producers were allowed 6.8 days in the field for operations. Extremely dry conditions and in some areas very hot temperatures continue to stress crops and livestock.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	26	43	31	0
Last Week	26	38	36	0
Last Year	8	33	59	0

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	33	47	20	0
Last Week	35	42	23	0
Last Year	6	34	58	2

Small Grains: Winter wheat was 86 percent ripe and 31 percent harvested this week with the crop rated in mostly fair to very poor condition. Spring barley was 90 percent headed and 30 percent turning color in mostly good condition. Spring wheat was 80 percent headed and 30 percent turning color, and is rated in mostly good to fair condition.

Row Crops: The 2008 corn crop was 16 percent silked with the crop in mostly fair to good condition last week. The summer and fall potato crop has completed the emergence stage. Sorghum was 85 percent emerged, 15 percent headed, and 8 percent turning color with the crop in mostly poor to fair condition by week's end. Farmers had 98 percent of the sunflowers planted.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending July 13, 2008

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	31	25	27	15	2
Last Year	3	4	16	51	26
Spring Barley					
This Week	1	6	24	45	24
Last Year	0	3	22	50	25
Spring Wheat					
This Week	2	10	28	38	22
Last Year	1	3	26	46	24

Pasture, Range, and Hay: Pasture and range conditions across Colorado were rated mostly fair to poor. First cutting alfalfa was 98 percent complete, while second cutting was 25 percent. The crop was rated in mostly good to fair condition.

Livestock: Death losses for cattle were rated just above average while sheep were rated at average. Stored feed supplies were rated just below average.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending July 13, 2008

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2008	24	29	34	10	3
Prev. Year - 2007	2	5	31	51	11
5-Year Avg.	11	17	37	29	6

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Development Ratings for Week Ending July 13, 2008

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat				
Ripe	86	64	96	94
Harvested	31	16	69	67
Spring Barley				
Headed	90	81	90	97
Turning Color	30	11	46	43
Spring Wheat				
Headed	80	66	80	92
Turning Color	30	7	30	34
Corn				
Silked	16	6	15	9
Sorghum				
Emerged	85	66	99	97
Headed	15	10	16	8
Turning Color	8	4	0	0
Sunflowers				
Planted	98	95	100	99
Dry Beans				
Planted	97	85	100	100
Emerged	80	67	99	100
Flowered	17	6	22	12
Alfalfa				
1 st Cutting	98	95	99	98
2 nd Cutting	25	15	47	28

COLORADO CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Spring Barley	1	6	24	45	24
Winter Wheat	31	25	27	15	2
Spring Wheat	2	10	28	38	22
Corn	6	10	31	34	19
Alfalfa	1	7	32	42	18
Dry Onions	3	3	23	54	17
Summer Potatoes	7	8	16	54	15
Fall Potatoes	0	6	27	48	19
Dry Beans	0	2	23	61	14
Sugarbeets	3	5	22	47	23
Sunflowers	14	25	19	19	23
Sorghum	26	35	29	7	3
Livestock	1	7	20	66	6

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.

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